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VILLA'S ARMY AT CAPITAL GATES

VILLA AT HEAD OF TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND MEN ENTERED SUBURBS YESTERDAY.

HE AWAITS GUTIERREZ

Villa Narrowly Escaped Death Before Entering City, as He Was Aboard a Troop Train Which Was in Collision.

Mexico City, Dec. 1.—Villa, at the head of twenty-five thousand troops, entered the suburbs here late yesterday afternoon, but awaits the arrival of Provisional President Gutierrez before entering the city proper.

Villa announced that his only purpose is to restore order in Mexico and that he is only the "old commander and subordinate" of the Provisional president.

Villa narrowly escaped death before his entry, as he was on the troop train which collided with General Manuel Chao's train, in which accident thirty-two persons were killed. One mile further on, six mines were found on the railroad track.

Wilson Gives Warning.

Washington, Dec. 1.—President Wilson today warned the public regarding the reports on the Mexican situation. He declared that there are many persons in Mexico and the United States who found it to their advantage to give out false reports.

THREE DEAD IN FIGHT.

Sandusky, O., Dec. 1.—Three men are reported to have been killed in a fight near Toledo with train robbers on a Lake Shore train.

CLINT GRAHAM OF MARIETTA IS ON SLATE

AUTHOR OF JIM CROW LAW OFFERED PLACE OF FIRST ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL. CAPITAL CHAT OF ARDMOREITES.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 1.—It is stated here on what seems good authority, that J. C. Graham of Marietta and John B. Harrison of the supreme court commission have been offered places in the office of the attorney general during the next administration. Mr. Graham, author of the Jim Crow law, who served in the constitutional convention and afterward was president pro tem of the senate, has been offered the first assistant's place under S. B. Freeling. Mr. Graham is one of the best known lawyers of the state, and Mr. Harrison has rendered the state useful service on the supreme court commission. Whether these gentlemen will accept, is not known. It has also been rumored that W. R. Bleakmore who was elected to the supreme bench of the state at the last election to fill out an unexpired term will also be in the office of the attorney general, but it is most probable that Judge Bleakmore and Smith C. Matson who is now assistant attorney general will form a law partnership and establish offices in Ardmore early in January.

There is some talk here that A. C. Cruce will return to Ardmore during the coming year. He came to Oklahoma City four years ago and formed a law partnership with C. B. Stuart of McAlester who was on the district bench in Indian Territory before statehood. Mr. Cruce has enjoyed a lucrative practice here, but the call to Ardmore, to the scenes of his old home, is so strong that he may not be able to resist.

MINE AFLOAT OFF COAST.

Reported in Pathway of Transatlantic Vessels Leaving New York.

New York, Nov. 30.—A mine with five contact points is afloat six miles off Fire Island Light, according to Captain Davies of the steamship Etonian, in today from London. Captain Davies said he passed the mine today at 10 a. m.

The spot where the mine is said to be afloat lies in the pathway traveled by all transatlantic vessels leaving and entering New York harbor. British warships for some time have patrolled the doorway to New York harbor, passing and repassing the spot where the mine was sighted.

SUDDEN DEATH AT END OF BILLY CLARK

DIED SUDDENLY AT HOTEL IN END LAST NIGHT — NO ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUNERAL HAVE BEEN MADE.

News was received here this morning of the sudden death of W. D. Clarke in his room at a hotel in End. No particulars have been obtainable other than that he died of heart failure, and that his death was sudden.

E. Dunlap has wired the sister of Mr. Clarke at Sioux Falls, S. D., asking who disposition she desires made of his remains. If they are not taken to her at Sioux Falls, they will be shipped here for interment.

Mr. Clarke for a number of years was actively engaged in the real estate business here, and recently moved to this city, where he was making headquarters. His death was a distinct shock to his legion of friends, as he was extremely popular with all classes.

No arrangements for the funeral will be made until after his sister has been heard from, announcement of which will be made later.

RIBBON CANE BEATS OLD KING COTTON

SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS, BESIDES YEAR'S SUPPLY FOR FAMILY REALIZED FROM ONE ACRE CROP MADE BY BOY.

Rev. C. R. Gotcher of Pooleville was in the city last night. He came here yesterday afternoon bringing the last of 25 bales of cotton grown on his farm this season. He has stored all his cotton, and says that, unless he gets a fair price for it, he will wait another season and sell two crops at one time.

Mr. Gotcher states that all the cotton in his section has been gathered and that the acreage will be materially reduced the coming season. The farmers are paying more attention to feedstuffs and the raising of hogs and other stock than in the past, and the acreage of wheat will be materially increased.

Mr. Gotcher states that he had one acre in ribbon cane, which was practically raised by his 12-year-old son. It has netted him more money than anything else he has raised this year. From that one acre he says he made 150 gallons of fine ribbon cane syrup, sold 100 gallons for 65 cents per gallon, and has a year's supply for his family left.

From his statement, it would seem that ribbon cane beats cotton, by a considerable margin.

Burned to Death.

Guthrie, Okla., Nov. 30.—Near Trackerville, Mrs. Jane Adams was burned to death by her clothing igniting from a fire of leaves she was burning in the yard.

GERMANS RETIRE FROM DIXMUDE ACCORDING TO LONDON REPORT

Germans Said to be Withdrawing from Dixmude—Violent Fighting Today along the Yser Canal Roar of the Big Guns Being Heard all Day—Emperor William Reached East Prussia Yesterday and is Now in Command of the German-Austrian Armies There—Emperor Nicholas Left Russian Capital Yesterday for the Front—Reports of Complete Russian Victory were Premature—Germans Breaking Through Russian Cordon Encircling Them.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—The Central News says that the Germans before Dixmude have begun a general retirement.

The Reuter's correspondent at Sluis today telegraphed that there is violent fighting in progress along the Yser Canal, saying that the roar of the heavy guns has been heard all day.

Kaiser in East Prussia.

Amsterdam, Dec. 1.—Emperor William yesterday reached Insterbruck, East Prussia, en route to the front, in an automobile.

Nicholas Off to Front, Too.

Petrograd, Dec. 1.—Emperor Nicholas of Russia left today for the front.

Germans Active Again.

PARIS, Dec. 1.—An official statement this afternoon says that the enemy showed considerable activity yesterday north of Arras and a lively artillery fight occurred in Belgium.

The fighting continues in Argonne, and there has been an intermittent artillery fire in the region of the Aisne. In the Woevre and Vosges Districts, quiet reigns.

Claims of Victory Premature.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—It is admitted in all quarters here that the recent claims of complete Russian victory in Poland were premature. While the German army near Lodz narrowly missed annihilation, it fought furiously and broke the Russian cordon encircling it. The issue has not yet been decided and German reinforcements are coming to the rescue of the German troops already there.

War Booty is Increased.

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—An official statement today asserts that there is no news from the western theatre of war and that yesterday was generally quiet in East Prussia and southern Poland. In northern Poland, the German war booty has been increased still further by the successes announced yesterday. The number of prisoners has been increased by ninety-five hundred, with nineteen more cannon, twenty-six machine guns and numerous ammunition carriages.

Close in on German Fleet.

Montevideo, Dec. 1.—The British-Japanese fleet is closing in on the German squadron in the South Atlantic. Shipping has been abandoned awaiting the great naval battle.

Cannonading in Belgium.

Paris, Dec. 1.—North of Arras the Germans were active yesterday, says the Communique. There was heavy cannonading in Belgium, but no infantry attacks. Elsewhere conditions are quiet and unchanged.

Moratorium is Extended.

Budapest, Dec. 1.—With slight alterations, the moratorium has been extended to January 31.

Mail for Warring Nations.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—Postmaster General Burleson is sending instructions to all postmasters to accept mail packages for Germany and Austria-Hungary. This service was suspended since the beginning of the war.

King George Goes to the Front.

London, Dec. 1.—The official press bureau announced today that King George had gone to France last night to visit the general headquarters of the British expeditionary forces. The King was accompanied by his private

secretary, Baron Stamfordham, and his equerry, Major Wigram.

Brings No Peace Message.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—President Wilson said today that as far as he knew, Henry Van Dyke, the minister to the Netherlands, who will call at the White House tomorrow, brings no peace message from the Queen of Holland.

Germany Demands Heavy Toll.

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 1.—A message from Brussels to the Handelsblad states that the German governor of the province of Brabant in which Brussels is located, convoked a meeting of financiers and told them that Belgium must pay 35,000,000 francs, (\$7,000,000) monthly for the maintenance of German troops.

In addition to this sum, it is said Belgium must contribute a war levy of 275,000,000 francs (\$75,000,000) as a penalty for violations of neutrality by Belgium and losses ensuing therefrom to Germany.

Reinforcements into Poland.

London, Dec. 1.—Another day of the crucial battle between the Russians and the German allies in Poland has passed without news of a decisive result.

URGING RIGHTS OF WOMAN

Women Now Demand Participation in The Hague Conferences.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 1.—Declaring that the whole force of women's influence would be against war, and that women be allowed to reinforce the peace movement, Mrs. Pethick-Lawrence of England today told the Chicago Equal Suffrage Association that the present war has exploded the theory that women are protected in war.

She urged that the nation's treaties be ratified by the whole people affected, and that women be allowed to participate in the Hague conference.

HEAVY RAIN AND HAIL FELL LAST NIGHT

OVER ONE INCH REGISTERED AT THE LOCAL OBSERVATORY — RAIN WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HEAVY HAIL.

Last night one of the heaviest rainfalls of the season, for the time it was in progress, was registered at the local observatory. The gauge showed at seven o'clock this morning 1.08 inches. The rain was accompanied by a heavy hail so intense that people living under a metal roof were reminded of the war in Flanders. The hail did little damage throughout the county however, as most of the cotton is already out of the fields, and that is the only crop that it could materially damage.

Reports from over this section state that the rain was general, and will help the wheat growers materially. Cotton men in this city state that practically 95 per cent of the cotton has been picked and ginned. What remained in the fields was probably knocked from the bolls last night by the hail and will be lost.

NOBODY WANTS THESE FOUR POSITIONS

CITY COMMISSIONERS' JOB IS NOT GOING TO BE EASY TO FILL AT THE NEXT ELECTION — NO ONE WANTS IT.

"It is going to be some job to get four men to serve the city as commissioners from the four wards under the present status of the city charter," said one prominent business man on the streets this morning, and he is echoing the sentiment of nearly every man questioned on the subject.

The gist of their remarks, and the meat of their argument is that the city can hardly expect a competent man—one capable to look after the city's affairs, and give the citizens an intelligent administration, to leave his home and fireside every Tuesday night and as many other nights and afternoons as necessary during the year, to serve them in the above capacity—for eight dollars per month, and, unless a man is capable and competent to take hold of the city's affairs and do the work properly and legally, the citizens would be better off without a set of commissioners, and turn the whole affair over to the city clerk.

That about expresses the opinion of about ninety per cent of the people interviewed on the subject. They hope good men will offer for the places to be filled, but they are fearful, under the present conditions, of the result.

Four commissioners will have to be chosen, and as the present commissioners, with possibly one exception, positively refuse to be candidates for the place again, it is going to be up to the people to see about getting successors for them.

SHEPPARD CALLS A CONFERENCE

MEETING OF SOUTHERN SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON.

RELIEF OF COTTON

Southern Delegation in Washington Will Hold Conference Immediately After Congress Convenes to Plan Financial Relief Legislation.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Senator Sheppard of Texas today announced that a joint conference of the southern senators and representatives would be held here immediately after congress convenes to determine a plan of procedure for financial relief legislation for the cotton states.

Cotton Up and Down.

New York, Dec. 1.—The cotton market opened steady but dropped slightly. At New Orleans at noon, the new-style months were three points under yesterday's close.

BRITISH ENTER PROTEST

British Oppose New Law Requiring Employment of Americans.

New York, Dec. 1.—The British consul here said that he would ask the British ambassador at Washington to formally protest against the initiative measure carried at the recent election in Arizona requiring that where as many as five persons are employed, at least eighty per cent shall be American citizens.

FRANK'S CASE BEFORE ENTIRE SUPREME COURT

RULING EXPECTED MONDAY ON CLAIM BY ATTORNEYS THAT PRISONER WAS NOT GIVEN A FAIR TRIAL.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Leo M. Frank's application for a review of his conviction in Georgia courts for the murder of Mary Phagan, Atlanta factory girl, came before the entire supreme court today after having been denied by two individual justices, one of whom expressed the opinion that Frank had not had due process of law.

Chief Justice White received the motion, saying only that the court would take the papers. A decision may be announced next Monday. Frank's attorneys contend that he did not have a fair trial because of the hostile demonstrations against him in Atlanta.

LEAVES ON SPEAKING TOUR

State Highway Commissioner Sidney Suggs will leave here tomorrow to be gone until the 8th of the month. He will make several good roads speeches and will make an address in Tulsa to the state convention of park commissioners.

The interest in road building is growing in the state, and Mr. Suggs has greater demands made upon him than he can meet. On this trip he will speak at Ford, Miami and Tulsa.

WEATHER FORECAST.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 1.—
The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight is fair and colder, with freezing temperature; Wednesday fair.
